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the Straits and Western Australian Governments, is expected to leave Singapore for Fremantle, calling at Batavia, Roebuck Bay, Cockatoo, Sharks Bay and Geraldton, as notified below:—

PROPOSED TIME TABLE.

NORTHWARD SERVICE.

Leaving Fremantle calling at Geraldton, Sharks Bay, Cockatoo, Roebuck Bay, and Batavia.

18th	2nd	15th	18th	28th	11th	2nd
March	May	June	July	Aug.	Oct.	Dec.

Arriving at Singapore.

4th.	10th.	20th.	4th.	14th.	22nd.	10th.
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Singapore, 5th February, 1894. 1448

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**

MR. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as
SECRETARY of the above Company until

Canton Insurance Office,
 Limited,
 Adjustment of Bonus for the
 Year 1883.

List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1883, in order that the distribution of Bonus may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 20th March will be adjusted by the Office, and no additions or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

1st February, 1884. 117

The CHAIRMAN.—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. The dividends will be payable on the 23th.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

The annual general meeting of the share-

holders of this company was held at the offices, Queen's Road, Hongkong, yesterday afternoon, when there were present—Hon. F. Ryrie (Chairman), Messrs. A. McIvor, H. L. Darymple, W. H. F. Darby, A. Guilaux, and W. H. Forbes (Directors), J. M. Armstrong, J. H. Cox, H. Crawford, A. B. Johnson, A. E. Vausher, H. Wicking, M. A. Carvalho, R. H. Preece, (Amoy), W. Dunman (Shanghai), V. O. da Rocha, and J. B. Coughtrie (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice con-

Before the meeting, said Gaultman, I ran to prepare the adoption by this meeting of the report for the past year, and the accompanying statement of accounts. I have been in your hands for sometime, and I hardly think it is necessary to read them over. The shareholders will see that the company as the premiums are increasing, and if we are lucky to be the end of this year I think we may be able to declare the dividends we have hitherto done, and I think we may be able to do so. The company in Hongkong have shown a very satisfactory increase during the year 1893, and such has also been the case with Shanghai and the other branches. I am glad to hear that the insurance company without having losses, and I regret to say that since this report was published, the company has sustained losses at this port, and I am not yet definitely ascertained, but this may we estimate that both together they will amount to some considerable sum. I think we may congratulate itself on the efficiency of the fire service we have now, so far as they are concerned. The fire here the other day showed that the company is very strong, and in the exception of the launch scurds, did very good services. Gaultman, with these remarks I beg to move the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.*

The motion was agreed to without dissent.

On the motion of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Vechnin, Mr. H. H. Hoyer and Mr. McIver, the retiring directors, were re-elected.

Mr. GUTZWOG proposed, and Mr. Johnson seconded, the appointment of Mr. J. Melville Matson as auditor in the place of Mr. J. M. Mackay resigned, and the re-election of Mr. J. H. Cox as the other auditor.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, I have merely to announce that the business of the meeting will be given to this afternoon to the different shareholders, and that payment will be made to-morrow. I thank you for your attendance here this afternoon.

POLICE COURT.
 26th February.
 BEFORE MR. H. E. WODEHOUSE.
 DRUNKENNESS.

John Yuen, *tsunpoyoa tsamoon*, postulated that the Chinese name of the street is derived from the "Rosa, Shamrock, and Thistle" tavern on the 25th limit, and he was fined \$1. Indefinite of paying which he was sent to gal for three days.

Henry Jenkins, seaman, was fined half a dollar for having been drunk and incapable in the street on Monday.

LARGELY FROM A HOUSE.

Sam Apaka, *tsunpoyoa* lawyer, was charged with having entered the premises of the Kwong Wing Shing shop in Bonham Strand West, and stealing therefrom a brass smoking pipe, value \$1.

The defendant got up on the veranda, broke a pane of glass in one of the windows, and was caught in the act of hooking out a brass pipe with a bamboo.

He had been in good before, and he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Chan Ip, coolie, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a pair of jade stone bangles from the box of a fellow lodger, a window named Fan Sun, on the 18th inst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—On the 3rd page of your issue to-day, is a small paragraph clipped, I presume, from some other paper, which states that the elder Sir Stafford Northcote's two sons, now at Oxford, have just taken a first class in Classical "Mods."

This is an unusual occurrence, for, in the first place, Sir Stafford has only one son at Oxford

(at Balliol, I balrow), and, in the second place, my last home letters inform me that my brother, George E. Northcote, (New College, Oxon), has taken his first class in "M.3.", passing second on the list; as mention being made of my cousin having done the same, — Yours faithfully,
GORDON S. NORTHCOTE.
Houghton, 28th February, 1884.

mos on the 22nd January, and during the first part of the voyage having experienced heavy E.N.E. gales with high confined seas, the strong N. to N.W. winds, with associated rain squalls, on the 23rd, did much to increase the discomfort of the crew. A portion of the *Glennary's* bulwarks was carried away and other minor damage sustained. On the night after leaving Takao one of the crew, a Chinese, fell overboard and was drowned, all efforts to save him being fruitless.

On the 11th February, a Japanese interpreter, Kuroki Ryunkin, in the employ of the Comptoir d'Escompte de Japan, committed suicide in the house known as "Jingaro" Takashima-cho Yokohama. A girl, named Hamagawa, who was with him, died at the same time from

was voluntary on her part or whether the man himself murdered her. It seems that the woman was 30 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches tall, 110 pounds and had sent a woman belonging to the "Jimpuro" to catch it on Saturday morning. The woman, however, signed the name of the forger or forgeress in the check and presented it at the exchange and shop, and so disclosed the crime. After receiving the money, Yoshitaki went to Tokyo to meet the company with the girl, and returned to the city. The woman was seen by an acquaintance in Asakusa, who was turning to Yokohama, he was informed by the woman who had cashed the forged cheque that she had signed his name on the back of it.

Seeing that discovery was inevitable, he resolved to put an end to his life. Whether he gave up the idea, or whether he was overtaken by death, is not known, but at all events they were both overcome dead in the evening, after spending the afternoon together in rioting on a grand scale. The deceased was a frequent visitor at the "jimuro", and was very well known in that quarter. As soon as the first excitement attendant upon the discovery of the tragedy was over, an attempt to murder the "jimuro" was made, and the result was the same. One of the features of the old Yoshiwara, known as Okame-no-kimura, went to the proprietor of the "jimuro" in order to confide with him the unfortunate concubine, and while there he was duped in an excited altercation with one of the

The Spanish ambassador one day entered the room in which Henry IV. was on ill-fare, with his little son on his back. The king stopped, and, looking at the ambassador, said to him: "Pray, sir, have you any children?" "Yes, sir, several." "Well, then," said the king, "I shall complete my round."

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THE PARADOX OF TIME

AUSTIN DOBSON.

no toy fair is in full swing, writes t

factory in the Haubourg St. Martin does a
tasteful trade in elastic toys. There are
many, equally great establishments which
work in gutta-percha for Paris and provincial
retail dealers. They are usually so busy in
spring as to be dumb. In the former season
they pushed their country fairs and mar-
kets. Their best customers are the itinerant
dealers. The comic and the other gutta-per-
cha balls, which are annually manufactured
at La Chapelle, are innumerable. One firm
has almost a monopoly of grotesque subjects.
There is a single house there which has had
an average output of 120,000 dozens of
indisubrible balls, 75,000 dozens of which
were pictorial. Another house is introduc-
ing the printing press into the nursery. A
juvenile can be provided with one and 600
characters and cyphers for 25f.

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 Premier that is nothing to the

bills of Safa and Marwa, seeking in vain; but, returning to the spot where she had left the infant, found that Ishmael had himself discovered the spring they both needed by a simple expedient, familiar to babies of all nations and periods. Kicking out against the ground, his infantile efforts had laid bare one of those springs which in Arabia are usually only reached by a light hand on the sand. This spring which is the life of the Arabs is the well Zemzem, so called (by obvious onomatopoeia) from the murmuring sound of its waters. Such at least is the Arab tradition of the origin of the well that now forms one of the most sacred objects within the precincts of the Kaaba, or Holy Temple of Mecca. The Kaaba itself—a cubical building covered outside with hangings of gold and silver, and studded with the sacred stones in form of the corners of a triangle (and not improbably, as it seems to be, an aerolite) to have fallen from heaven, and which has therefore been kissed black by centuries of adoring pilgrims—was, according to the same authority, built by Abraham after the pattern of a temple which Adam had seen in Paradise, and of which he had been the first assigned high priest and attendant. Without professing an absolute faith in this interesting history, it is certain that the Kaaba and the well Zemzem are among the most ancient of the antiquities of Arabia. They both were connected with the oldest rites of the pagan Arabs, and existed in very much their present form, and were applied to very much their present uses before the time of Mahomet. It was the prophet's grandfather, Abdulmuttalib, however, the position of which he had been warned to leave, whilst he was trying to derive some convenient means of fulfilling his special duty and privilege of supplying water to the tribes who flocked annually to worship at the Kaaba. Digging in the appointed spot, he found two golden gazelles, and some swords and suits of armour which had been buried

There were three centuries before, and further back, the Meccan pilgrims, who, in an ancient piece of masonry enclosures, had a never-fading spring, which was at once accepted as the traditional well of Hajar. It is probable at least that the masonry dated from the old days of the mercantile prosperity of Mecca, perhaps even from pre-Christian times. Ever since this rediscovery of the well, Zemzem has held a prominent place among the folk things of the Arabian Peninsula. The Meccan pilgrims who have followed the steps of Hajar, and come from Safa to Marwa, and have performed the circuit of the Kabba seven times, as their pagan ancestors did before Mahomet made the Meccan pilgrimage a part of his religion, do not leave the "Haram ech-Sherif" without washing in, or at least tasting, the water of the well Zemzem, and most of them carry away a flask of the holy water. No more sacred water can be offered by returned Hajj to his friends than the water of this miraculous, though admittedly brackish, fluid. Its properties are quite unique in the eyes of the faithful. It can cure diseases; sprinkled on grave clothes it produces the most salutary results in the future state of the deceased; while a single sip is the best cordial that a host can offer to his most distinguished guest. One famous traditionalist, Sheikh Saïd el-Hadad, described his parents—poets, cultured, and of the highest repute—being cured of the cholera, which was prevalent, by the water of Zemzem; but Saïd gravely remarks upon this as really an efficacious in its own province as the spring of Helicon has proved to be the inspiration of poets. Professor Haaton's analysis of this miraculous water will cause a severe shock to all true believers "who read *the Koran*," though from what "one knows of the East there is nothing surprising in the discovery that the well of Zemzem is as foul as a good many other saintly springs. The water in 'the' fountains of Moscow never strikes the eye or nose with any pleasing impression, and Zemzem is in the midst of a thickly-built city, where drainage is of a peculiarly primitive description, and the wells are almost necessarily affected by the drainage." It is not the countless caravans of beasts which are annually sacrificed by the pilgrims in the neighbouring valley of Mina. It is, however, some satisfaction to remember that mudiness in a source of inspiration has never been held to be a bar to miraculous effects, and that the "Bottle of the Books," found also even beneath the rapid waters of Helicon. Zemzem will be the "Bottle of the Books" in spite of the "completion of the purificative process." —*the Lancet*.

Mr. Singer, of sewing-machine fame, left five families and \$8,000,000 behind him. Most of his fortune has now been divided among his children. His widow, it is stated, married a baron in Paris, and the baron has since become the Duc de Camperoli.

AS REPORTED BY CHINESE ON THE 27TH FEB., 19

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• American Drills, 30 yards, per piece ... \$2.95 to 3

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Velveteens, blue, per yard	\$0.21 to
Velveteens, Gentian, per yard	\$0.23 to

Bark, Jamphor, per piece.....	\$17.50 to 18
Bacon de Mor, per piece.....	\$30.00 to 35
Bass War, Japan, White, per piece.....	\$11.60 to 15
Bass War, Fankow, Yellow, per piece.....	\$44.00 to 45
Bass War, White, per piece.....	\$65.00 to 68
Birds' Nests, 1st quality, per piece.....	\$1.50 to 2
Birds' Nests, 2nd quality, per piece.....	\$950 to 1
Birds' Nests, 3rd quality, per piece.....	\$70 to 80
Bristones, per piece.....	\$2.55 to 3
Buffalo Hides, Russia.....	\$12.00 to 15
Buffalo Cow Hides.....	\$7.60 to 8

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATER

VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTI- TION.
MANILA.						
IN PORT ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 1884.						
Alert	Feb. 3		Amer. sh	1154	Kor & Co.	
Aliso Reef	Feb. 3		Amer. bk	873	Meadel & Co.	
B. Webster	Jan. 28		Amer. bk	545	W. F. Stevenson & Co.	
Crown Prince	Jan. 25		Brit. bk	987	W. F. Stevenson & Co.	
Edinburg	Jan. 15		Brit. sh	1374	Finlay, Fisher, Ives & Co.	
D. H. Tanney	Jan. 13		Amer. sh	1987	Martin, Dyer & Co.	
Elise	Jan. 22		Amer. sh	1414	Smith, Bell & Co.	
Granata State	Dec. 18		Ger. sh	1684	Pena, Hassell & Co.	
Gl'morgunshire	Feb. 4		Brit. bk	771	Finlay, Richardson & Co.	
Great Admiral	Jan. 11		Amer. sh	1573	Meadel & Co.	
Hawthorn	Jan. 25		Brit. bk	1018	Holliday, Wise & Co.	
J. G. Fendleton	Jan. 3		Amer. bk	98	Wm. Harwell & Co.	
Jupiter	Jan. 30		Ger. bk	901	S. Attil, Bell & Co.	
Lodsen	Jan. 25		Nor. bk	287	Holliday, Wise & Co.	
Mary H. Russell	Dec. 20		Amer. sh	575	Smith, Bell & Co.	
Prædencia	Jan. 22		Brit. sh	895	C. Haines & Co.	
Titanis	Dec. 9		Brit. sh	329	Pena, Hassell & Co.	
HILLO.						
Donito	Jan. 11		Ger. bk	524	Perez y Ashi	
Eniser	Jan. 28		Amer. sh	1241	Pena, Hassell & Co.	
K. Verdade	Dec. 31		Brit. bk	1129	Kor & Co.	
Mary S. Ames	Jan. 6		Amer. bk	700	Smith, Bell & Co.	
CBBY.						
Broderne	Jan. 17		Nor. bk	579	Meadel & Co.	
Great Surgeon	Jan. 15		Amer. bk	909	Meadel & Co.	
J. W. G. master	Dec. 10		Ger. sh	1018	Meadel & Co.	
Norvion	Jan. 11		Spain. bk	534	Smith, Bell & Co.	
BANGKOK.						
IN PORT ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 1884.						
Advance	Jan. 29	Dethleffsen	Siam. bk	333	Pou Sang	
Alina	Jan. 23	Schmiedgloew	Siam. sh	347	Wang Lee	
Bos Pan	Mar. 2	—	Siam. sh	575	Pou Lee	
Bora Nooril	Feb. 2	—	China. bk	240	Kor & Co.	
Catarelin	Nov. 23	Boxzo	Ital. bk	180	Borow Co., Limited	
China	Mar. 8	—	Siam. bk	319	Osenna Pan	

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St. Paul, Minn.	Jan.
Diamond City	Jan.

NAME.	RIG.	ONS.	T.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
Anabaras	scow sloop	4	840	Com. Hulen	Shanghai
Anchises	double scrow	14	2340	Capt. B. R. Trucey	Shanghai
Champion	covette	14	2340	Captain Powell	Shanghai
Chimpara	covette	14	800	Capt. H. N. Hippisley	Amoy
Cookabaer	gunboat	4	240	Lt.-Com. B. L. Grooms	Shanghai
Cumaco	covette	14	2840	Capt. Auskuthier	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	4	920	Com. Laurence Ching	Peking
Eak	double-scrow gunboat	3	440	In reserve	Hongkong
Esapor	gunboat	3	455	Lieut.-Com. Gamble	Chinkiang
Flying Fish	sloop	4	840	Capt. J. F. L. P. Maclear	Hongkong
Foray	double-scrow gun-vessel	4	860	Com. John Hays	Amoy
Forxyard	gunboat	4	840	Lieut.-Com. McQuhae	Amoy

		Linnet	gun
		Martin	

Magpie	involving vessel	8	Aut.	Com. H. H. Verker	Shanghai
Magpie	double-screw gunboat	3	Aut.	Com. H. C. C. S. C.	Shanghai
Mitigo	double-screw gun vessel	4	Aut.	Com. W. F. Tisdall	Shanghai
Pogopus	sloop	6	Aut.	Com. Bickford	Singapore
Sagax	corvette	5	Aut.	Capt. J. H. T. Falkner	Nassau
Swallow	double-screw gun vessel	5	Aut.	Com. Commander Collins	Hongkong
Twoed	double-screw gunboat	3	Aut.	Com. J. A. Ross	Hongkong
V. Emerald	receiving ship	20	Aut.	Com. Commander Cuning	Shanghai
Ward	patrol, double-screw vessel	2	Aut.	Com. C. E. Maxwell	Hongkong
Wivern	turret-ship	4	Aut.	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	4	Aut.	Com. C. K. Hope	Singapore

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NAME.	FLAG.	GUNS.	H.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
Abrook	Russian gunboat	7	350	Captain Sohanu	Kobe
Admiral	French gunboat	6	820	Commander Callard	Shanghai
Africa	Estagote transport	—	—	Capt. A. D. Pedrosa	Hongkong
Alert	American corvette	4	150	Commander L. Kempf	Kobe
Cristo. Colombo	French gunboat	—	—	Commander Lafon	Hongkong
Deno	Italian corvette	—	—	Captain Accini	Hongkong
Dre	French transport	—	—	Captain Ferey	Hongkong
Elisay-Trouin	French gunboat	—	—	Capt. Muret de Pagano	Hongkong
Entrepria	American corvette	6	800	Commander Barker	Nagasaki
Ernak	Russian transport	—	80	Captain Kolothau	Vladivostok
Essex	American gun-boat	8	1200	Capt. McCormack	Canton
Hamelia	French cruiser	—	—	Capt. Montaud	Tientsin
Guastalla	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Stark	Vladivostok
Ilia	German gunboat	4	340	Lieut.-Com. Rolyer	Shanghai
Junista	American corvette	8	—	Com. P. F. Harrington	Nagasaki
Korsairt	French sloop	—	375	Commander Beaumont	Hongkong
La Victoriosa	French frigate	14	755	Capt. D. de la Balle	Hongkong
Leigis	German corvette	7	400	Capt. Harbig	Shanghai
Lutia	French gunboat	4	100	Captain Bouvier	Hongkong
Monocoy	American gunboat	8	700	Commander C. S. Cotton	Shanghai
Morgo	Russian gunboat	7	30	Commander Boyle	Nagasaki
Nasauik	Russian corvette	13	250	Captain Malaguet	Hongkong
Nery	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Varoudet	Vladivostok
Orpibloik	Russian cruiser	13	250	Capt. B. Ireslentsoff	Tientsin
Pales	American gunboat	6	200	Lieut.-Commander Green	Nagasaki
Richmond	American frigate	14	800	Captain Sierrett	Shanghai
Shelleff	Russian corvette	7	80	Captain Blawett	Nagasaki
Soda	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Boyle	Nagasaki
Sionh	German corvette	12	2600	Captain van Noitite	Shanghai
Tamaga	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	Capt. da Costa Cabral	Macao
Togooa	Russian gunboat	—	—	Commander Heel	Vladivostok
Torville	Polish frigate	27	—	Captain Goss	Hongkong
Trojan-phant	French frigate	—	—	Captain Goss	Hongkong
Yalaso	Spanish corvette	—	—	Capt. T. M. Warila	Macao
Yalla	French corvette	15	600	Captain Duvette	Aoy
Volta	French cruiser	—	—	Captain Roarnier	Hongkong
Wick	German gunboat	4	340	Lieut.-Com. von Raven	Canton

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NAME.	FLAG AND ETC.	PIERS	TONS	R.P.	COMMANDER.	STATION.
Avian	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75		Hongkong
Choo-hing	Revenue cruiser	2	30	20		
Chia-jai	Revenue cruiser	3	80	17		Hongkong
Chia-to	Viceroy's gunboat	17	250	75	J. Stewart	Canton
Ching-tsing	Viceroy's gunboat	4	180	60	F. Bessard	
Chong-ai	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Hai-chong-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Hai-tsing-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
Hoi-tung-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Peng-chao-hai	Revenue cruiser	4	363	125	Leung Yui Ting	Canton
Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat	4	120	—	Chow Shai	Canton
San Kung	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	Yung Kung Sing	Swatow
Tohing-ou	Viceroy's gunboat	2	120	40	Chinese Admiral	Bay of Swatow
Tohing-po	Viceroy's gunboat	3	100	40	Ching	Bay of Swatow